

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 1-16. Applicant has canceled claims 17-26 without prejudice to filing a continuation application.

Also, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 11 and 14-15 so as to remove unnecessary reference numbers. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 06-1050 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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